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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 85

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning pensions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 33-39-7-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 15. A participant whose employment in a position described in section 8 of this chapter is terminated is entitled to a retirement benefit computed under section 16 or 18 of this chapter, beginning on the date specified by the participant in a written application, if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The application for retirement benefits and the choice of the retirement date is filed on a form provided by the board, and the retirement date is:
 - (A) after the cessation of the participant's service;
 - (B) on the first day of a month; and
 - (C) not more than six (6) months before the date the application is received by the board.

However, if the board determines that a participant is incompetent to file for benefits and choose a retirement date, the retirement date may be any date that is the first of the month after the time the participant became incompetent.

- (2) The participant:
 - (A) is at least sixty-two (62) years of age and has at least ten (10) eight (8) years of service credit; or
 - (B) meets the requirements for disability benefits under











section 17 of this chapter.

(3) The participant is not receiving and is not entitled to receive any salary for services currently performed, except for services rendered as a senior prosecuting attorney under IC 33-39-1.

SECTION 2. IC 33-39-7-16 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 16. (a) This section does not apply to a participant who meets the requirements for disability benefits under section 17 of this chapter.

- (b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), the amount of the annual retirement benefit to which a participant who applies for a retirement benefit and who is at least sixty-five (65) years of age is entitled equals the product of:
 - (1) the highest annual salary that was paid to the participant before separation from service; multiplied by
 - (2) the percentage prescribed in the following table:

Participant's Years	Percentage
of Service	
Less than 10 8	0
8	24%
9	27%
10	30%
11	33%
12	50%
13	51%
14	52%
15	53%
16	54%
17	55%
18	56%
19	57%
20	58%
21	59%
22 or more	60%

- (c) If a participant who applies for a retirement benefit is not at least sixty-five (65) years of age, the participant is entitled to receive a reduced annual retirement benefit that equals the benefit that would be payable if the participant were sixty-five (65) years of age reduced by one-fourth percent (0.25%) for each month that the participant's age at retirement precedes the participant's sixty-fifth birthday.
- (d) Benefits payable to a participant under this section are reduced by the pension, if any, that would be payable to the participant from the public employees' retirement fund if the participant had retired from the



public employees' retirement fund on the date of the participant's retirement from the prosecuting attorneys retirement fund. Benefits payable to a participant under this section are not reduced by annuity payments made to the participant from the public employees' retirement fund.

(e) If benefits payable from the public employees' retirement fund exceed the benefits payable from the prosecuting attorneys retirement fund, the participant is entitled at retirement to withdraw from the prosecuting attorneys retirement fund the total sum contributed plus interest at the rate of five and one-half percent (5.5%) compounded annually.

SECTION 3. IC 33-39-7-19 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 19. (a) The surviving spouse of a participant who:

- (1) dies; and
- (2) on the date of death:
 - (A) was receiving benefits under this chapter;
 - (B) had completed at least ten (10) eight (8) years of service in a position described in section 8 of this chapter; or
 - (C) met the requirements for disability benefits under section 17 of this chapter;

is entitled, regardless of the participant's age, to the benefit prescribed by subsection (b).

- (b) The surviving spouse is entitled to a benefit for life equal to the greater of:
 - (1) seven thousand dollars (\$7,000); or
 - (2) fifty percent (50%) of the amount of retirement benefit the participant was drawing at the time of death, or to which the participant would have been entitled had the participant retired and begun receiving retirement benefits on the date of death, with reductions as necessary under section 16(c) of this chapter.
- (c) Benefits payable to a surviving spouse under this section are reduced by the amounts, if any, that are payable to the surviving spouse from the public employees' retirement fund as a result of the participant's death.

SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006] IC 33-39-7-15, IC 33-39-7-16, and IC 33-39-7-19, all as amended by this act, apply to a participant in the prosecuting attorneys retirement fund who:

- (1) is serving on July 1, 2006; or
- (2) begins service after July 1, 2006; in a position described in IC 33-39-7-8.

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